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Chairman Kristin Mayes
Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 W. Washington - 2nd Floor
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

RE: TEP Vail to Valencia Transmission Line Project - L-00000F-09-0190-

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Dear Ms. Mayes:

Let me attempt to clarify, simply, the Santa Cruz County Flood Control District's position on the above referenced transmission line project. Previous correspondence from my office was detailed and perhaps misconstrued with regards to the intention of the information.

Let me first state that the District acknowledges that A.R.S. §48-3601 exempts Unisource from the floodplain use permitting process. Secondly we were asked for our "preferred" alignment and we provided that preference from a Flood Control District perspective. We cannot mandate the location of the alignment and simply provided recommendations.

We recognize that it is pretty common place for Transmission lines to be within major watercourses as exists within Pima County to the north. To our knowledge, the pole foundations for these similar applications have not been compromised by the recent flood of 2006 that occurred on the Rillito River in Tucson, Arizona.

Lastly, we would continue to recommend that if the west alignment is pursued that the designers would account for possible lateral migration and erosion as has been designed in the aforementioned applications in our neighboring Pima County.

Sincerely,

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CC: Greg Lucero, County Manager

